

# SILVERWINGS

"Back to the basics"

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## Weather

 <b>Today</b> High: 70, Low: 45 Showers	 <b>Saturday</b> High: 71, Low: 44 Sunny
 <b>Sunday</b> High: 74, Low: 46 Sunny	 <b>Monday</b> High: 75, Low: 48 Mostly Sunny

## News Briefs

### EMCC Flyover

There will be a flyover of Columbus AFB T-6's Oct. 18 during a football game between East Mississippi Community College and Itawamba in West Point at 1 p.m.

### SUPT 09-09 Track Select

The Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-09 will have a track select Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

### Women's Health Fair

The Women's Health Fair will be held Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Koritz Clinic. Well-woman exams and mammograms will be available by appointment. For an appointment, call 434-CARE. Otherwise, feel free to stop in for free stuff, shopping and fun.



U.S. Air Force photo

One of the end-of-year closeout projects was to remove rubber residue from the inside and outside runways of Columbus AFB and repaint the runway markings. This \$268,000 renovation project, completed at night and on weekends, had no impact on flying operations.

## CAFB closes out another fiscal year

**Capt. Matthew Waggoner**

14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron  
(Provisional)

Another fiscal year closeout has come to an end. Like other closeouts, items were purchased and wing priorities were addressed.

The BLAZE team came together and showed everyone what they can do. Unlike other closeouts, the 14th Comptroller and Contracting Squadrons are conducting a test to merge into a single squadron. This merger has paid off for the wing. The 14th Comptroller-Contracting

Squadron (Provisional) was able to develop a joint game plan which netted the wing an impressive \$12.9 million in spending, over \$4 million more than in fiscal year 2007.

What makes this feat even more impressive is that it was done with less overtime. Columbus AFB was able to complete the mission and work more than 50 percent less overtime than the unmerged control base for the test.

Some of the key projects include \$2.3 million for runway improvements, \$4.6 million to repair the Unaccompanied Officers' Quarters, \$2.6 million to

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### Feature 10

Fruits, vegetables, meat and savings is what you will find at the base Commissary, highlighted in this weeks feature.

## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (09-10)	7.13 day	5.55 days	Nov. 12	48th (09-01)	-0.49 days	-0.10 days	Oct. 24	49th (09-BB)	-5.60 days	-2.19 days	Nov. 17	T-6	1420	1334	1334
41st (09-09)	2.72 days	-0.14 days	Oct. 21	50th (09-01)	-1.55 days	6.02 days	Oct. 24					T-1	510	453	453
												T-38	422	447	447
												IFF	126	149	149

Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. David J. Eichhorn, Commander, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

# CAFB welcomes Maj. Gen. Eichhorn



Major Gen. David J. Eichhorn is the Commander, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. His area of responsibility includes the development, test and evaluation of manned and unmanned aircraft systems in both experimental and proven aerospace vehicles. He supports the conduct of test and evaluation programs for the Department of Defense, the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

General Eichhorn entered the Air Force as a distinguished graduate through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1976. In earlier assignments he served as an experimental test pilot, and his commands include two flight test squadrons, a test group, a test wing, and the Arnold Engineering Development Center overseeing developmental flight tests on a wide vari-

ety of weapon systems. A certified acquisition professional, he served at the Electronic Systems Center as the Vice Commander, where he was previously assigned as Director of Advanced Command, Control and Communications Systems as well as Director of Advanced Aircraft Systems. He has also served as Director of the Aeronautical Enterprise Program Office, Deputy Director of Plans and Programs at Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command and Deputy Program Executive Officer for Aircraft at Aeronautical Systems Center. Prior to his current assignment, General Eichhorn was the Director of Air, Space and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command.

General Eichhorn has flown the B-52D/H, B-1B, F-111 and T-38, serving as an instructor pilot and aircraft commander. He has accumulated more than 5,700 hours in more than 40 aircraft types.

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## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 34 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



**Park it before you pour!**

## CAFB receives F-22 presentation



U.S. Air Force Photo by Rick Johnson

Colonel David Reth, 14th Operations Group commander, and Capt. Nick Johnson, 37th Flying Training Squadron, thank James Brown III, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics test pilot, for his F-22 presentation to Columbus AFB instructor and student pilots. Mr. Brown is the Lead Test Pilot for the F-22 Raptor Program at Edwards AFB, Calif., where he conducts airborne testing for envelope expansion, structural loads, avionics, countermeasures and weapons.

## We are all recruiters

Each Air Force member is an "ambassador in blue." Each person can make a difference in someone else's decision to join the Air Force.

□ Get involved in youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and commu-

nity organizations. Be a role model in your community.

□ Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local recruiter.



# The Airman's Creed ... one verse at a time

**Chief Master Sgt. Barbara Steffen**  
14th Medical Group  
Superintendent

## Guardian of freedom and justice

As guardians, we protect our nation and its citizens and uphold their Constitutional freedoms and principles of justice. We are the 24/7/365 defenders who ensure our nation meets the founding fathers' guiding principles they eloquently wrote into the Preamble to the United States Constitution, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

## My nation's sword and shield

As America's sword and shield, we are a lethal weapon and a mighty protector within our nation's arsenal. Since our nation's birth, it has been the constitutional duty of our military to ensure national survival, defend lives and property, and promote vital interests at home and abroad. Because we engender global reach, which enables us

to move, supply, or position assets—with unrivaled velocity and precision anywhere, we are our nation's sword and shield.

## Its sentry and avenger

As a sentry we are posted to guard against, and warn of, danger... our global vigilance keeps an unblinking eye on any entity. As an avenger we are poised to inflict a punishment or penalty... our global power holds at risk or strike any target, anywhere. Our Airmen are posted throughout the world as a sentry and avenger, from the AWACS and Joint STARS crews scanning for threats and the security forces patrolmen securing perimeters to the combat controller marking a target and the A-10 pilot delivering close air support...to every Airman meeting their mission.

## I defend my country with my life

The reality of this statement is a reality which separates all military members from every other American citizen. Since Sept. 11, American Airmen have died in defense of our country: 51 in Iraq and 35 in Afghanistan. This is the definitive reality of service before self. This is the reality that our nation, our freedoms, our ideals, our government and our citizens are all precious enough to die for.

## The Airman's Creed

*I am an American  
Airman.  
I am a warrior.  
I have answered my  
nation's call.*

*I am an American  
Airman.  
My mission is to fly,  
fight, and win.  
I am faithful to a  
proud heritage.  
A tradition of honor,  
And a legacy of  
valor.*

*I am an  
American Airman*

*Guardian of freedom  
and justice,  
My nation's sword  
and shield,  
Its sentry and  
avenger.  
I defend my country  
with my life.*

*I am an American  
Airman.  
Wingman, leader,  
warrior.  
I will never leave an  
Airman behind.  
I will never falter,  
And I will not fail.*

# Protect yourself from identity theft

**Airman Elena Stoffe**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Judge Advocate

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America. Identity theft or identity fraud is defined by the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act of 1998 as "someone knowingly transferring or using, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person with the intent to commit... any unlawful activity that constitutes a violation of Federal law..."

Two common types of identity theft are physical and electronic. One of the most prominent physical methods of identity theft include "dumpster diving," which is when perpetrators look through their victims' garbage cans attempting to obtain copies of their checks, credit cards or bank statements. Purchase a shredder, and be sure to shred "pre-approved" credit cards; thieves may retrieve them and try to activate them without your knowledge.

Remember, hackers and thieves will steal your identity if you make it easy for them. To ensure you do not become a victim, destroy unneeded paperwork which contains valuable information.

"Shoulder surfing" occurs when a perpetrator looks over a victim's shoulder as they

type in credit card numbers or listen in as a victim gives a credit card number over the phone. Only give your credit card number to someone over the phone if you are in a secure location such as your house and only if you speaking with a trusted source.

When you give your credit card to a clerk or a waitress at a restaurant, be sure to keep your card in sight. Employees of stores and restaurants have been known to be bribed into giving away personal information of their customers, or keeping copies of credit cards and stealing information themselves. Keep records of your card numbers, and perform regular checks on all of your accounts and balances.

When you travel, you are at risk of someone taking your wallet or purse. Keep credit cards and passports in a safe place outside of your wallet.

There are many ways for a perpetrator to steal your identity electronically. A common practice is for a "company" to send out spam or unsolicited email offering free trips and prizes if you submit your personal information in response. This is called "phishing". Do not respond to unsolicited e-mails, and remember, if you have never heard of the company and it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Remember to only give websites you subscribe to information if they have a

privacy act contract. Read the contract thoroughly.

Once a thief has your information, they can use it to open credit card accounts. If this happens and the bills are not paid, the delinquent account will show up on your credit report. They can change your billing address so you no longer receive bills, and then run up the charges on your account without you knowing. Examples of this are when a perpetrator sign up for phones, utilities, or copying your ATM or debit card to make withdrawals in your name.

If you become a victim, contact the police right away; you can file for what is called an Identity Theft Report. This can permanently block fraudulent information, such as fake addresses or accounts, from appearing on your credit report. Identity Theft Reports can also stop companies from continuing to collect debts. Contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) online or by telephone at 1-877-ID-THEFT or 202-326-2502, or by mail to the Consumer Response Center, FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20580.

Remember to always be vigilant and aware of whom you give personal information to. Don't become one of the 10 million new victims of identity theft each year.

## Straight Talk Line

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.*

*Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*

**Visit [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil)  
to learn about Columbus  
AFB agencies and other  
important information.**

# Secure Today's Energy: Fuel Tomorrow's Mission

## 14th Environmental Flight 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

It takes energy for the world's finest Air Force to fly, fight and win. It takes energy to run our great nation. We must do our part to support the goals of our president and the Secretary of Defense to establish greater energy independence.

October is Energy Awareness Month. Our theme this year is Secure Today's Energy: Fuel Tomorrow's Mission.

The Air Force is the largest consumer of energy in the Federal Government. We are focused on our responsibility to reduce consumption to support Department of Defense and presidential directives for greater energy independence, which in turn supports national security.

While we've made great strides in our energy strategy in the past few years, we intend for fiscal year 2009 to be a banner year towards reaching our vision - make energy a consideration in all we do. Our energy strategy remains: reduce demand, increase supply and change the culture.

As Airmen, you are encouraged to find and eliminate energy waste and optimize energy use. Reexamine processes, activities, facilities or equipment which use fuel, natural gas or electricity. We want you to make energy a consideration in all you do.

Throughout the month we will be highlighting facets of the Air Force Energy Strategy in various articles, at commander's calls, and in day to day interactions. Each MAJCOM has developed and will execute an Energy Awareness campaign in fiscal year 2009. We encourage you to get more information on energy initiatives from your base energy managers, from the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program and from the Air Force Energy, Environment, Safety and Occupational Health web site.

Announcement attributed to: Mr. Kevin W. Billings, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

# Want to become a tenant representative for your community?

## Who can be a tenant representative?

Any adult who is legally a resident of The Landings at Columbus unless they are:

PCSing or Separating in the next six months.

An employee or have a family member who is an employee of Pinnacle Hunt LLC.

## What does a tenant representative do?

Lives within the community they are representing.

Seeks the views of their neighbors and gathers together the results and shares them as appropriate with local management. This could include the performance of the contractors who visit the community.

Seeks the views on new and/or existing policy at The Landings at Columbus.

Meet with management monthly to discuss concerns or issues before attending the partnering meeting

Represent the views of the community at partnering meetings both monthly and quarterly.

Contributes articles or comments to the base newspaper about events which have taken place in the community.

Keep other tenants informed about what activities are taking place and any changes or improvements The Landings at Columbus is proposing.

Ask questions and raise issues with The Landing at Columbus on behalf of the whole

community.

## What tenant representatives don't do:

Hold keys to vacant units.

Have access to any files or documents held in the office.

Have access to personal details about other tenants.

Use their position to raise personal issues or as a tool to gain personal advantage over other tenants.

Enter other people's property.

Have a say in who is given a tenancy or who can and cannot visit the tenancy.

Get paid for their time.

To date, the current tenant representatives are:

**E.J. Griffis**

434-2792

Magnolia Senior Noncommissioned Officer

**Master Sgt. Stephen Dunaway**

434-7454

Magnolia Senior Noncommissioned Officer

**Staff Sgt. David Palmer**

434-7116

Magnolia Junior Noncommissioned Officer

**Senior Airman Charles Patterson**

434-6742

Magnolia Junior Noncommissioned Officer

**Tech. Sgt. Roger Riddle**

889-3181

Capitol Junior Noncommissioned Officer

## Make a Wish sponsors CAFB family

Heather, Ryan and Bret McCalip, family members of Maj. Randy McCalip, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, pose with Pittsburgh Steelers' Troy Polamalu after their Monday night football game last week. Ryan McCalip, who received a liver transplant last year, was selected by the Make a Wish foundation for his three-day trip to Pittsburgh.



Courtesy photo

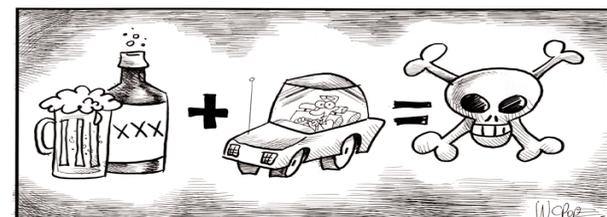
## CLOSE-OUT

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and \$2.7 million from the wing's end of year wish list. Shortly, the wing will see the results of their efforts first-hand. Wing leadership asks for patience on behalf of base personnel as construction begins. It will be somewhat inconvenient, but when finished will improve not only the wing's mission capability but also its quality of life.

Closeout was successful because the BLAZE team came together, followed the game plan and was prepared when opportunity came knocking. The merger of the 14th Comptroller and Contracting Squadrons into a single unit allowed them to maximize the wing's ability to allocate resources, rapidly execute projects and set the wing up for success as we move forward into fiscal year 2009.

Colonel Jeff Dunn, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, said, "This year's close out was the best I've seen and I expect it to be the model for AETC."



# 48th FTS reunites at Langley Air Force Base



U.S. Air Force photo

**48th Flying Training squadron members 1st Lt. Larry Cuculic, 2nd Lt. Dominique Haig, Lt. Col. Kelly Menozzi, 1st Lt. Ishan Avila, Capt. Beau Nicewanner and 1st Lt. Ian Haig pose with retired Col. Dick Stultz, 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, with the artwork he drew at the recent 48th Squadron Association reunion at Langley AFB, Va.**

**1st Lt. Ishan Avila**  
48th Flying Training Squadron

In September, several members of the 48th Flying Training Squadron traveled to Langley AFB, Va., to take part in the 48th Squadron Association's annual reunion. While there, the six instructor pilots from Columbus AFB enjoyed organized tours, great food and of course, war stories from former members of the 48th.

The original 48th began in WW I and was reactivated in 1941 in support of WWII. The 48th Fighter Squadron, flying P-38 Lightning's, deployed to the European theatre in August, 1942. The unit was decommissioned shortly after the war, then reactivated a few years later as the 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. For the next forty years, the 48 FIS flew a variety of aircraft out of Langley AFB, Va., from the F-94C Starfire to the F-15A Eagle. During that period, the squadron also had the distinction of hosting the original Mercury 7 astronauts as they trained for their space missions in the F-106 Delta Dart. After being deactivated in 1991, the squadron was finally reborn in its current form, training the Air Force's newest pilots in the T-1A Jayhawk.

Nearly fifty Airmen representing over six decades of the squadron's history met the two T-1s as they taxied into parking at the start of the weekend. Members of the 48th FTS had

the opportunity to chat with their predecessors throughout the weekend, learning about their squadron's heritage while updating former squadron members on the capabilities of the modern Air Force.

They also had the opportunity to hear several keynote speakers, the most notable of who was retired Col. "Mo" Baker, a former F-105 Thunderchief pilot who was shot down over North Vietnam and subsequently endured over six years in the Hanoi Hilton. Colonel Baker described the story of his capture and imprisonment to a subdued audience and told of his personal experiences as a prisoner of war along with current presidential candidate John McCain. The final evening culminated in 48th FTS members conducting a POW/MIA ceremony, a somber tribute to the sacrifices of many of the men in that room.

The weekend was both an educational and entertaining one for all involved. Lieutenant Col. Kelly Menozzi, 48th FTS commander, noted, "Very few squadrons in the Air Force share a tight bond across generations the way the 48th FTS does."

The event also introduced several of the Air Force's newest instructors to a fraternity of aviators. By the time this newest crop of 48th FTS pilots said farewell at the end of the weekend, they were already looking forward to reuniting next year with their squadron mates, past and present.

## Band to team with music legends for TV special

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. — Air Force Band members from here will be in the national spotlight in a Veterans Day extravaganza when the symphony orchestra and Singing Sergeants join celebrities and recording artists Nov. 10 on public television.

Band members collaborate with two-time Grammy winner Patti LaBelle, country western singer Clint Black, Academy Award-winning actor Cliff Robertson, and ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro.

The program entitled "America's Veterans: A Musical Tribute" will be broadcast on American Forces Network Prime Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. viewer time overseas for service-members and their families stationed overseas.

The Veterans Day special was recorded in high definition at the Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda, Md., and is dedicated to our military heroes from operations spanning five wars and all branches of the armed forces.

"It's so nice to be here singing for the veterans, singing for our Soldiers who are fighting -- the young men and women who are trying to keep it real wherever they are," said rhythm and blues legend Ms. LaBelle, who sang "I'll Stand By You" during the performance.

Mr. Black, a singer-songwriter, joined Ms. LaBelle in expressing his deep gratitude for the selfless sacrifices military men and women offer daily in defense of liberty.

"We owe so much thanks to so many of you in uniform and those veterans who have given us so much freedom to

enjoy," said Mr. Black, who sang "The Shoes You're Wearing" for the broadcast.

Mr. Shimabukuro's played classical to rock compositions with his ukulele for the show, including George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps."

Air Force Band Airmen set the tone for the evening's patriotic celebration with several inspirational numbers including "Summon the Heroes" and "Who Are The Brave?"

Mr. Robertson will honor five American heroes in the Strathmore audience -- one from each branch of the U.S. military -- with short, poignant vignettes that capture the essence of their actions in operations spanning five wars.

Senior Airman Scott Palomino, an Air Force aerial surveillance technician in Iraq who suffered severe injuries when a mortar round landed in his tent, is honored during the show. He is now a disabled combat veteran and amputee.

"What a great opportunity this is to remember the sacrifices our veterans have made to ensure America's freedom," said Col. Dennis Layendecker, the Air Force Band commander. "We're equally proud to honor our joint armed forces team members serving around the world today; they are our veterans of tomorrow."

For more information about the show, including local broadcast times, please see The Air Force Band Web site at [www.usafband.af.mil/AmericanVetsTribute](http://www.usafband.af.mil/AmericanVetsTribute).

## Museum to be featured on CMT's 'Top 20 Countdown'

**Sarah Parke**

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force

DAYTON, Ohio — The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force here will be featured on Country Music Television's "Top 20 Countdown" set to air at 1 p.m. EDT Oct. 17.

The show's host, Lance Smith, and other crewmembers filmed parts of the museum during their visit to Dayton in mid-October.

They chose the Air Force's national museum because of the area's notoriety as the birthplace of aviation. The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force has more than 400 aerospace vehicles on display along with thousands of historical items that bring the history of flight to life.

The program will air again on CMT at 11 a.m. EDT Oct. 18, and 11:30 a.m. EDT Oct. 19.

**Keep CAFB beautiful.  
Please don't litter.**

# Building dedication honors Airman killed on 9/11

**Capt. Caroline Wellman**  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** —Members of the 445th Airlift Wing here honored the life and service of one its former members who was killed as part of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks by dedicating the new operations building to him Oct. 4 here.

Maj. LeRoy W. Homer Jr. died while serving as the first officer on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed near Shanksville, Pa.

He was part of the Air Force Reserve Command's 445th AW from 1995 to 2000.

The emotion-filled day followed more than 2.5 years of planning and approval, said Lt. Col. Chris Clark, the 445th Operations Group deputy commander. Colonel Clark spearheaded the approval process and narrated the dedication ceremony.

The ceremony gave attending wing Airmen, local elected officials and base and community leaders a hint of the major's character and career.

Major Homer provided everyone with a "glimpse of the best of the human spirit," said Maj. Gen. Robert E. Duignan, the 4th Air Force commander and former 445th AW commander. The general called Major Homer a "true inspiration" who "never quit on America."

"Dressed in his United Airlines uniform, he

led America into battle (Sept. 11, 2001)," General Duignan said.

Major Homer was a real hero and the kind of person a commander wants in his unit, said Col. Stephen Goeman, the 445th AW commander. Major Homer's legacy should not be defined only by his actions on Sept. 11, 2001, but also by the years of service the major gave to his country as an Airman.

"We are proud to honor one of our own," Colonel Goeman said.

Major Homer earned his private pilot's license when he was 16, working 35 hours per week at night to pay for flying lessons. A few years later, he received a presidential nomination to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, but chose instead to go to the U.S. Air Force Academy because he wanted to fly airplanes, not helicopters, said his mother, Ilse Homer.

He loved to fly and he loved his job, said Mrs. Homer of her late husband. He would be honored to have a building named for him, but would probably also feel the honor was undeserved.

Mrs. Homer thanked the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base community for recognizing her husband's sacrifice and for providing one more way to ensure that his legacy will not be forgotten.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ben Strasser

**Melodie Homer cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the Operations Building Dedication Oct. 4 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The building was dedicated in honor of her late husband, Maj. LeRoy W. Homer Jr., who died Sept. 11, 2001. Overlooking the ribbon cutting are Col. (ret.) Robert Shondel; Col. Roger Gallet, the 445th Operations Group commander; Maj. Gen. Robert E. Duignan, the 4th Air Force commander; Ilse Homer, Major Homer's mother; Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, the Air Force Reserve Command commander; Col. Stephen Goeman, the 445th Airlift Wing commander; Lt. Col. Chris Clark, the 445th Operation Group deputy commander; Laurel and Alden Homer, Major and Ms. Homer's children; and one other relative.**

## Sec. Donely visits CAOC



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon

**Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley shares lunch Oct. 11 with Airmen and recognizes award winners from the Combined Air and Space Operations Center located in Southwest Asia. The CAOC commands and controls the broad spectrum of what airpower brings to the fight: Global Vigilance, Global Reach, and Global Power.**

## Special leave accrual available for deployed, nondeployed members in 'use or lose' status

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Airmen who were recalled from or unable to take annual leave this past year for reasons such as support for contingency operations may be allowed to accumulate more than 75 days at the end of a fiscal year.

Special leave accrual applies when deployments or assignments to designated operational missions at the national level prohibit members from using leave. It applies to active duty and Reserve personnel under Title 10 of the U.S. Code, and includes Air National Guard members who performed full-time training or other full-time duties for 30 days or more.

"Special leave accrual is designed to pre-

vent Airmen from losing accrued leave if they're unable to take normal leave due to significant and unforeseen operational requirements," said Master Sgt. Licci Barham, superintendent of customer support operations at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

Airmen cannot use their major command's recovery time policy as a reason for reinstatement when accrued leave could have been taken in its place, she added.

Airmen who meet the criteria for having special leave accrual should contact their local military personnel section for additional guidance or call the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

## FPCON ALPHA

Applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel or facilities, and the nature and extent of the threat are unpredictable.

# EC-130 squadron surpasses 10,000 combat hours

**Staff Sgt. Rachel Martinez**

455th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

**BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** — Members of the 41st Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron here surpassed 10,000 combat hours in the EC-130H Compass Call while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in September.

While assisting International Security Assistance Force troops move a 41-vehicle convoy, members of the 41st EECS flew overhead in an EC-130H to disrupt enemy command and control communications and limit adversary coordination.

The 41st EECS's 10,000 hours were amassed over four years, beginning with their first Operation Enduring Freedom deployment in March 2004 from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

"Our primary mission is to support the ground troops at the (forward operating bases) with communications jamming," said Maj. James Bands, an operations officer. "For this aircraft it is extremely difficult (to reach such a milestone). There are only 14 of these aircraft in the Air Force. So it's taken four years of constant flying at about 2-3,000 hours on one aircraft a year, in order to accomplish this."

With only two operational EC-130H squadrons in the Air Force, many of the Airmen with the 41st EECS have deployed multiple times. Capt. Jared Howard, a navigator, is on his fourth OEF deployment and has more than 900 combat hours.

"It's all pretty much the same mission,"

said the native of Pontiac, Ill. "The sorties seem to be getting longer and longer. When we first started off, we were just doing one thing, because everybody didn't know all our capabilities. So now we've told people about our abilities, and they are employing us much more."

While a typical fighter squadron will deploy with about a dozen aircraft, the 41st EECS staff deploys with only one or two EC-130s. Ensuring those few aircraft are mission ready every day falls on the shoulders of the 41st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit Airmen.

"The 10,000 flying hours are probably represented by 80,000 maintenance hours," said Master Sgt. Carla West, the production superintendent.

Having one or two airplanes can be easier because there is less work to do, but it also doesn't allow for much maintenance down-time, said Staff Sgt. Alex Rosales, an EC-130H crew chief.

"If it breaks we have to fix it," he said. "We don't have another plane to fly. It's a little more stressful."

At least three or four times the amount of flying hours goes into maintaining the aircraft, said Sergeant Rosales, a native of Phoenix. The more the aircraft flies, the better it seems to perform.

"They seem to fly better on the longer missions," said Senior Master Sgt. Mike Zielinski, the maintenance superintendent. "If they fly eight to 12 hours, they usually come back in good shape. We haven't been able to figure out why, but it's something that we enjoy."

The 41st EECS staff boasts a mission capable rate exceeding many other air-



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Rachel Martinez  
**Staff Sgt. Alex Rosales prepares to launch an EC-130H Compass Call Oct. 6 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. It took 80,000 maintenance hours to help the 41st Expeditionary Electronic Attack Squadron members to fly more than 10,000 combat hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Sergeant Rosales is a crew chief for the 41st Expeditionary Electronic Attack Squadron.**

frames in U.S. Air Forces Central Command. This accomplishment is credited to teamwork, Sergeant Zielinski.

"Without everybody pitching in as a team, this mission would not happen," he said. "I've been here since June and every week something surprises me. We continue to hit new plateaus. When I think we are not going to be able to fly, we manage to come up with something and are able to fly."

Ensuring the aircraft can fly and perform its mission safely tops the list of pri-

orities for both maintainers and aircrew.

"That plane needs to go up every night because there are guys on the ground depending on us to do our jobs and employ our weapon system," Sergeant West said.

"If we're not here to employ (the EC-130H), the ground troops really feel the effects of us not being here," Major Bands said.

"Trying to make sure our guys on the ground are safe — that's the biggest (reward)," Captain Howard said.

## 'Today's Air Force' features unmanned aircraft systems

**SAN ANTONIO** — This edition of "Today's Air Force" highlights the Air Force's unmanned aircraft systems, or UAS, and how Air Force officials plan to train more UAS operators.

And more Airmen are finding themselves in non-traditional roles. At Joint Base Balad in Iraq, a segment shows how the skills Airmen possess are being used not only to serve the Air Force but other services as well.

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## Women teach Afghan cuisine



**Staff Sgt. Michelle Cooper helps to prepare a special meal. Miriam Panjshiri, director of women's affairs for Afghanistan's Panjshir province, and her sister, Nasrene, hosted the PRT's affairs team for a time of fellowship and an Afghan cooking class Oct. 2. Sergeant Cooper is the services superintendent for the Panjshir Provincial Reconstruction Team.**

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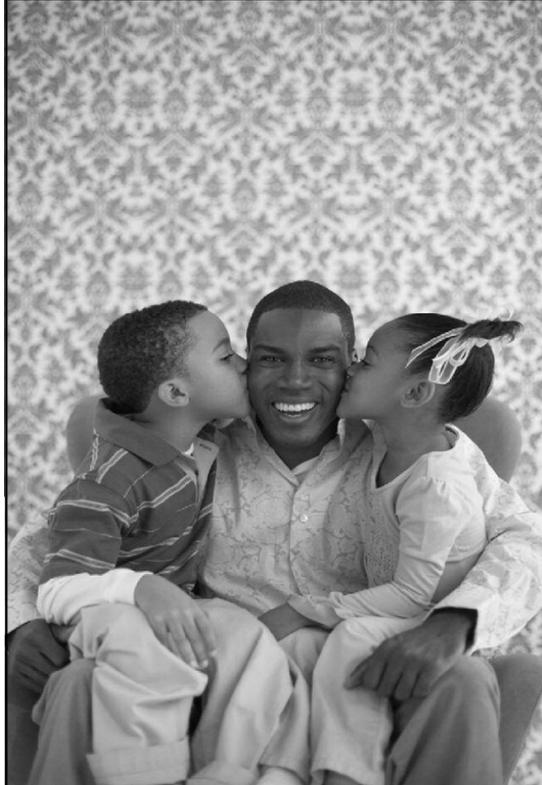
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# This week in history

October 12, 1927

Wright Field replaces McCook Field as the Air Service test site.

1924, the United States Air Corps had outgrown the facilities at McCook Field. Hoping to keep the Air Corps in Dayton, the city officials and residents donated 5,250 acres of land on the city's outskirts. The Air Corps accepted the land and built Wright Field on the site. The base was named Wright Field to honor Orville and Wilbur Wright's contributions to flight. The Wrights had tested many of their early airplanes in the vicinity of Wright Field. Wright Field formally opened in 1927.



October 12, 1977

The first class of five U.S. Air Force women navigators graduates, with three of the five assigned to Military Airlift Command aircrews.

October 13, 1972

Capt. Jeffrey S. Feinstein achieves ace status by shooting down his fifth MiG-21



Colonel (USAF Retired) Jeffrey S. Feinstein was a career officer in the United States Air Force. In 1972 during the Vietnam War, while flying as a weapon systems officer (WSO) aboard F-4 Phantom IIs, Feinstein downed five enemy aircraft, thereby becoming a flying ace, the last ace produced by the USAF.

Feinstein graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1968. His actions, for which he received multiple awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Silver Star for his first four kills and the Air Force Cross for his fifth kill, took place prior to and during Operation Linebacker in 1972 while Feinstein was a member of the 13th Tactical Fighter Squadron, part of the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, based at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand.

His nickname/tactical callsign was "Fang." Having originally been designated as an Air Force Navigator, he was given a vision waiver after Vietnam, sent to Undergraduate Pilot Training and redesignated as an Air Force pilot in the fighter community.  
(Editors Note: this information provided by wikipedia.com)

October 14, 1947

Capt. Charles E. Yeager at Muroc Army Air Field, Calif. makes the first faster-than-sound flight, in a rocket-powered research plane, Bell XS-1 rocket ship. Captain Yeager is awarded the Mackay Trophy for the most meritorious flight of the year.



Charles Elwood "Chuck" Yeager (born February 13, 1923) was a brigadier general in the United States Air Force and a noted test pilot. In 1947, he became the first pilot (at age 24) to travel faster than sound in level flight and ascent. Originally retiring as a brigadier general, Yeager was promoted to major general on the Air Force's retired list 20 years later for his military achievements. His career began in World War II as a private in the U.S. Army Air Forces. After serving as an aircraft mechanic, in September, 1942 he entered enlisted pilot training and upon graduation was promoted to the rank of Flight Officer (WW 2 U.S. Army Air Forces rank equivalent to Warrant Officer) and became a P-51 Mustang fighter pilot. After the war he became a test pilot of many kinds of aircraft and rocket planes. Yeager was the first man to break the sound barrier on October 14, 1947, flying the experimental Bell X-1 at Mach 1 at an altitude of 13,700 m (45,000 ft). Although Scott Crossfield was the first man to fly faster than Mach 2 in 1953, Yeager shortly thereafter exceeded Mach 2.4.[1] He later commanded fighter squadrons and wings in Germany and in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, and in recognition of the outstanding performance ratings of those units he then was promoted to brigadier general. Yeager's flying career spans more than sixty years and has taken him to every corner of the globe, even into the Soviet Union during the height of the Cold War.

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# Tough economy – Commissary still your best choice

**Col. Mark Brown**  
14th Mission Support  
Group Commander

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, food prices rose 4 percent in the U.S. last year, the highest rise since 1990, and are expected to climb as much again this year. Rising prices, tight budgets and an unpredictable economy are the primary reasons commissaries are consistently rated as one of the top benefits for today's military. According to Marty Roberts, Columbus AFB



Commissary Manager, the BLAZE Team should expect good prices and great service each time they shop at the local commissary.

Commissaries achieve over \$5 billion in annual sales and are located almost everywhere you find military members. The commissary benefit is not a recent innovation. Sales of goods from commissary department storehouses to military personnel began in 1825, when Army personnel at specified posts could make purchases for their personal use, paying at-cost prices. By 1841 personnel could also purchase items for members of their immediate families.

Commissary customers purchase items at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge, which covers the cost of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an

average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to prices in the surrounding community. This equates to a savings worth about \$3,000 annually for a family of four. In regards to pricing, commissaries are required by law to sell items at prices set only high enough to recover item cost, with no profit or overhead factored into item price. This pricing method is written into law by Congress so you can expect the same pricing method at every commissary.

It is also important to understand that commissaries buy the items that they sell from commercial suppliers and are therefore subject to the forces of the commercial marketplace. Although the commissary sells items at-cost, there are several reasons you may find select items at lower prices in commercial stores. One reason is that commercial stores often sell items as "loss leaders" at prices below their cost prices to attract customers who they hope will buy other high profit items during their shopping trip to get the low price "loss leaders." Because commissaries are required by law to sell items at cost, no more and no less, you will not see an exaggerated low price to lure you in for other purchases. The guarantee is that you will save an average of 30 percent or more on your grocery bill versus what you would pay in a commercial store for the same array of items. In a year

for an average family of four, this savings could put as much as \$3,000 back in your pocket.

Our random selection of items easily validated a savings of 21 percent. Your food choices will obviously make the amount of savings vary. However, beyond saving money, you should also know that your Commissary is a good neighbor. In recent years, commissaries have focused on finding ways to increase their impact on the local community. The Scholarships for Military Children program, funded by manufacturers and brokers who sell groceries in commissaries, has awarded over \$6.4 million and 4,132 scholarships to children in military families. In addition, commissaries have taken cost savings to the total force. For example, last July the commissary had an on-site sale at Camp McCain in Grenada, Miss. In September, your commissary conducted an on-site sale in Tupelo, Miss. There are two more on-site sales scheduled for Nov. 1 and 2 at Camp McCain and Dec. 6 and 7 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

These sales are focused on serving our guard units who are engaged worldwide in the Global War on Terror.

In the long term, food prices are expected to stabilize and eventually prices will go down. When they do, your commissary prices will go down as well and always be just 5 percent above cost. In the short term, however, consumers still face at least 10 years of more expensive food, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture projections. This combined with the fact that food accounts for roughly 13 percent of the average family's budget and the fact that your commissary is a great neighbor are all the more reasons why every service member should take advantage of the special benefit provided by commissaries.

To check the accuracy of this guarantee, we sent a mystery shopper to a local grocery store to compare prices.

## Don't lose the bubble

**Maj. Paul Kopecki**  
376th Expeditionary Force Support  
Squadron commander

**MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan** — In my business, I get a lot of advice. From general officers to brand new Airmen, all have high expectations and strong opinions when it comes to quality of life programs in our Air Force. And they should. That's one of the benefits of life in the Air Force over our sister services--we are stereotyped as the service that provides the best quality of life for our people and their families. But in our age of instant access and gratification, it's also easy to lose the bubble on what really matters.

Today, Manas Air Base is a centerpiece for U.S. military strategy and national objectives. We're defending our nation abroad in its greatest hour of need. It just doesn't get any better than this in an Air Force career. Yet we too are susceptible to losing perspective on how important our mission is and on how good we have it here.

Yogi Berra once said, "You can observe a lot by watching." Yogi's simplicity is as profound as it is funny. From his humor comes a fundamental truth — sometimes we ignore the obvious by failing to open our eyes.

Take a look around us. We're hundreds of miles from the battlefield. We're living in hardened billets with indoor plumbing. We have the option to eat 24-hours-a-day. We have open access to continuous fitness and recreation programs. We have OBRs that take us horseback riding, hiking and golfing across the beautiful landscapes of Kyrgyzstan.

We're meeting future life-long friends and gaining invaluable experiences. Imagine telling your grandchildren about how little Manas Air Base was the linchpin in America's efforts to win the war in Afghanistan and bring stability to the free world, and you were there.

Now, take a look at that Soldier who's heading down range in harm's way for the next 15 months of his or her life. The one who will be taking convoys down improvised explosive device-laden roads, sleeping in lean-tos, eating MREs for months on end, and missing family more than you or I could ever imagine. And remember...some of them won't come back. Think of them.

Most of us are here for four months or less. Four months! So the next time you see a Soldier or Marine, you need to thank them for their and their family's sacrifice. And the next time your feel your personal expectations aren't being met, you need to ask yourself if you've lost the bubble on what really matters.

## Commissary Vs. Competitor

Product	Commissary Price	Competitor Price	Savings
Red Apples	\$1.19/lb	\$1.48/lb	\$0.29
Bananas	\$0.54/lb	\$0.64/lb	\$0.10
Crisco Vegetable Oil (48 oz)	\$2.99	\$3.88	\$0.89
Can of Del Monte Cut Green Beans	\$0.67	\$0.96	\$0.29
Can of Del Monte Whole Kernel Corn	\$0.99	\$0.96	\$0.03
Folgers Classic Roast Med.	\$5.99	\$6.48	\$0.49
Folgers Gourmet Morning Cafe	\$4.66	\$5.62	\$0.96
Coffee-Mate Coffe Creamer 16 oz	\$2.45	\$3.54	\$1.09
Chips Ahoy Chocolate Chip Cookies	\$2.84	\$2.50	\$0.34
T-bone Steak (Net wt .92)	\$4.68	\$8.24	\$3.56
Beef Back Ribs (Net wt 4.70)	\$9.54	\$10.21	\$0.67
Ground Meat 93% Lean (Net wt 1.63)	\$3.37	\$6.37	\$3.00
Tide Laundry Detergent 141 oz 80 load	\$15.40	\$14.62	\$0.78
Gain 190 oz 120 load	\$16.70	\$15.76	\$0.94
Snuggle Fabric Softener 40 Sheets	\$1.79	\$1.87	\$0.08
Huggies size 4 mega (46 diapers)	\$15.98	\$19.47	\$3.58
Pampers size 4 (52 diapers)	\$16.19	\$19.97	\$3.78
Purina One Dog Food 18 lb	\$16.99	\$19.96	\$2.97
Fiskies 50.4 oz	\$3.29	\$4.28	\$0.99
Charmin Ultra Strong 12 rolls	\$5.79	\$8.56	\$2.77
Porkloin Center Cut Loin Chops	\$4.35	\$9.24	\$4.89
Oscar Meyer Bacon 16 oz	\$3.00	\$4.12	\$1.12
DiGiorno Pizza	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$1.50
Dairy Fresh Milk 1 gallon	\$3.56	\$4.97	\$1.41
Eggs 18 Large	\$1.87	\$2.88	\$1.01
Lays Wavy Original Potato Chips	\$2.49	\$2.88	\$0.39
Soda (Coke) 12 pk	\$2.99	\$3.98	\$0.99
2 Liter Pepsi	\$0.86	\$1.38	\$0.52
Minute Maid Original Orange Juice	\$4.79	\$5.78	\$0.99
Dasani 24 Water Bottles	\$4.99	\$5.98	\$0.99
Boutny Paper Towels 6 rolls	\$9.77	\$9.77	\$2.47
Golden Bake Bread	\$1.14	\$1.08	\$0.06
Country Crock Butter (45 oz)	\$2.99	\$2.98	\$0.01
Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream	\$4.06	\$1.88	\$1.67
Savings of 21%	\$185.64	\$226.99	\$41.35

# “Check out” the Base Commissary

**2nd Lt. Jeffrey Weger**

14th Flying Training Wing Commander's  
Action Group

What if I told you there was a grocery store which has not only good food coupled with low prices but excellent customer service? The Columbus AFB commissary, along with another 263 commissaries in more than 13 different countries strives to provide the military community with great food at low prices.

The mission of the commissary is to deliver a premier benefit to the armed services community which encourages an exciting shopping experience, satisfies customer demand for quality grocery and household products and to deliver exceptional savings.

The origins of the commissary system can be traced to the Revolutionary War and the efforts to provide embattled colonial troops with the equipment they required. Sales of goods from commissary department storehouses to military members began in 1826, when Army officers at

specified posts were allowed to make purchases, paying at-cost for their personal use.

By 1841, an officer could also purchase for members of his immediate family. The modern concept of “sales commissaries” was legislated in 1866 and actually began in 1867, when officers and enlisted men could make at-cost purchases.

By the early 1990s, the Department of Defense created the Defense Commissary Agency, to consolidate each service's commissary service into one organization which could consistently and efficiently provide for the entire military. DeCA's commissary system is available to active duty, guard and reserve as well as retired service-members.

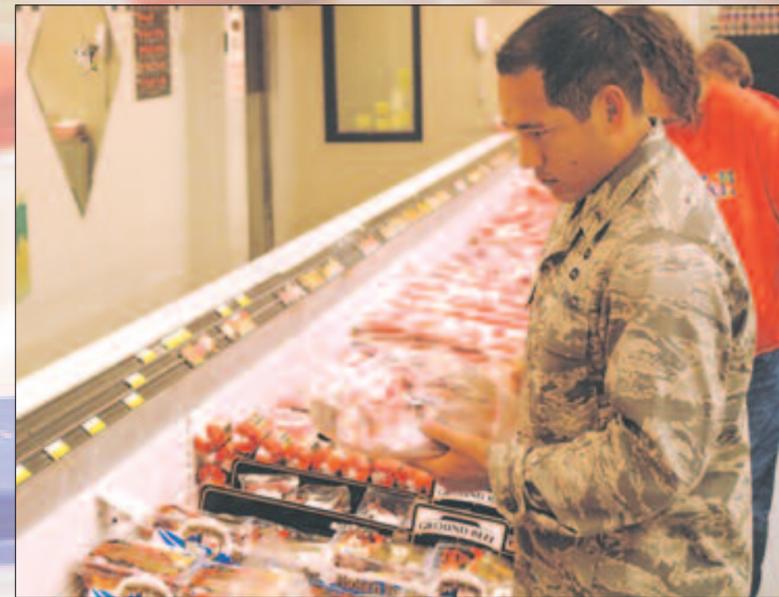
Today, your Columbus AFB commissary provides a modern shopping environment while establishing itself as an essential element of the social fabric of the base. The commissary sells groceries at-cost plus a five percent surcharge, which covers administrative fees and other costs which must be paid to remain open. None of the money taken from sales generates a profit, passing

on a savings which average almost 30 percent as compared to retail grocers in town. The grocery baggers are paid by tip only, so make sure you share the wealth by passing a portion of the savings you receive their way.

Not only does the commissary provide groceries, but the deli offers a variety of services to include snack trays and custom-made sandwiches. For the trays and baskets, however, the produce department requires a minimum 24 hour notice. As part of an outreach program, the commissary conducts offsite sales guard bases, selling in items in bulk at very competitive prices.

With the economy in rough shape and food prices on the rise, the CAFB commissary offers many opportunities to save money on groceries every week.

For more information regarding offsite sales and the commissary system in general, please visit DeCA's website at <http://www.commissaries.com>.



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Second Lt. Clay Toerner, 14th Operational Support Squadron, selects a leg of lamb from the meat department at the Columbus AFB Commissary. Commissary meat departments sell high quality meat products at significantly lower prices compared to those of supermarkets.



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The Columbus AFB Commissary staff works diligently to ensure speedy service to its patrons during a morning rush.



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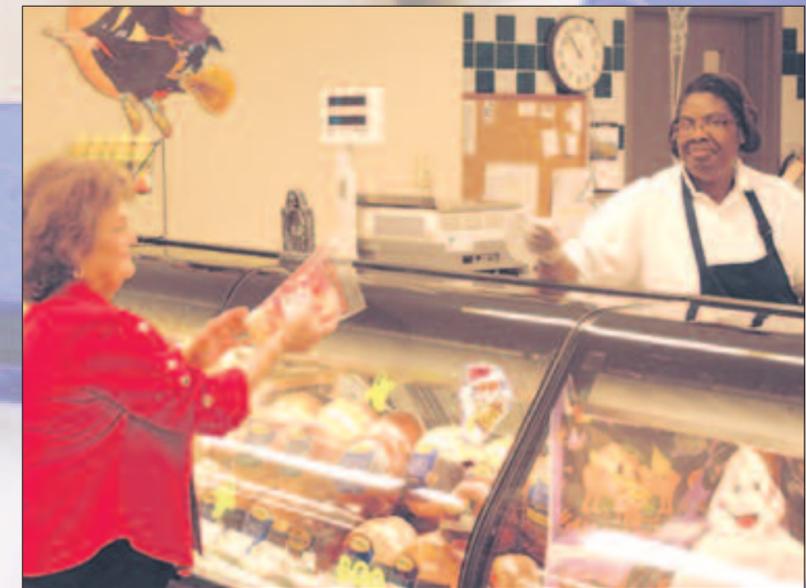
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Master Sgt. George Evans, 14th Security Forces Squadron and 14th Wing Staff Agency First Sergeant, uses the self-checkout lane at the Commissary. The self-checkout lanes were implemented for speed and efficiency for customers with fewer items.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

Pat Brock, wife of a retired master sergeant, browses through the produce department at the Columbus AFB Commissary.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

Doris Cockrell assists commissary patron Teneva Greene in the Columbus AFB Commissary's deli. The deli department there is a contracted service which provides quality fresh meats and cheeses as a service to active duty, reserve, guard and retired servicemembers.



**The Cornhusker State Base**  
**Capt. Tony Wickman**  
USAF Public Affairs

54. Second son of Isaac  
56. Adult  
58. B-18  
59. Shrek was one  
62. Beasts  
66. On the \_\_\_\_; running from the law  
68. Mining goal  
70. Formerly  
71. Feline  
72. Mock  
73. See 32 DOWN  
74. Mil. phone system  
75. Flirtatious  
76. Victory  
77. \_\_\_\_ Moines

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1. \_\_\_\_ Alamos  
2. Sigh  
3. Cult  
4. See 11 DOWN  
5. Part of USAF  
6. Type  
7. Dined  
8. Male offspring  
9. USAF PME for O-3s  
10. Cut vertically  
11. EC-135; plane assigned at the Cornhusker State base  
12. Fit to \_\_\_\_  
20. P-38; one time aircraft at the Cornhusker State base  
22. Combat Command currently at the Cornhusker State base  
25. Hearing tool

26. Erase  
27. EC-135 \_\_ Glass; one time mission at the Cornhusker State base  
28. Galoot  
29. Deploy  
30. Viper  
31. Clump about  
32. Drink invented in the Cornhusker State  
38. Tribe  
39. Listen  
42. Above  
44. Negative reply  
46. Couple  
47. Wane  
49. Tokyo, formerly  
54. Brig. Gen. James \_\_\_\_; current 55 WG/CC at Cornhusker State base  
55. Foreigner  
57. Little \_\_\_\_  
58. Heartland of America \_\_\_\_; Cornhusker State base tenant unit  
60. Highway  
61. Great Lake  
63. MAJCOM the Cornhusker State base is assigned  
64. Mekong Delta denizen  
65. Pig's pen  
66. Canon  
67. Overseas mil. Address starter  
69. O'Neill and Harris

	KC-10		C-130	C-21		
	CV-22			KC-135	KC-10	
C-17				KC-135		
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**AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT**  
To solve, place an airlift aircraft into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain each of the following airlift aircraft: C-5, C-17, C-21, C-130, CV-22, HH-60, KC-10, KC-135 and MH-53. In other words, no aircraft may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the planes already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
20 10-01 Pilot Partner Welcome 6 p.m. @ MS Coffee House	21 09-09 Track Select 5 p.m. @ Club	22 BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club	23 Quarterly Awards Luncheon 11:30 a.m. @ Club Daedalians Dinner @ 6 p.m.	24 09-01 Graduation: Maj. Gen. Eichhorn	25/26 Women's Health Fair 8-11 a.m. @ Clinic
27	28	29 BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club Civilian Health Fair 8-11 a.m. @ AFRC	30 09-02 Assignment Night 5 p.m. @ Club Vendor Fair 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. @ Trotter Convention Center	31 Enlisted Promotions 3:30 p.m. @ Club Halloween	1/2 OG Career Day Civilian Fly-In Daylight Savings Time Ends 2 a.m.

Long Term Events
Nov. 3 - Tops in Blue @ MUW
Nov. 4 - Election Day
Nov. 8 - City of Columbus Veteran's Day Parade
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday
Nov. 12 - 09-10 Track Select
Nov. 12 - MSG Complex Ribbon Cutting
Nov. 12 - Happy Fund Golf Tournament
Nov. 14 - 09-02 SUPT Graduation



# Tickets, trips, classes, contests offered to base

## Automotive 101 Course

The Auto Hobby Shop offers this free class on basic auto maintenance at 5 p.m. Oct. 23. Course includes tire changing, fluid checks, oil change and more. Call 434-7842 to reserve your slot in the class.

## Auto Hobby Shop Oil Change

The Arts and Crafts Center offers this service for \$29.95 and includes five quarts oil and filter, wiper and transmission fluid check and tire pressure. Call 434-7842 for an appointment.

## Movie Matinee Bowl

The Bowling Center offers a movie matinee bowl Saturday starting at 2 p.m. with a free movie and popcorn while you bowl. Bowling is \$2 per game and \$1 shoe rental. For more information, call 434-3426.

## Monster March

The Fitness Center and Outdoor Recreation office are offering this fun march starting at 10 a.m. Nov. 1 at Freedom Park. Register from 9 to 10 a.m. that day. Complete fun tasked to march to your new obstacles at Outdoor Recreation, the golf course, Bowling Center and the Fitness Center and ends at Freedom Park with burgers, hot dogs and chips after the march. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Complete tasks such as sliding down the giant slide, a tire obstacle, slam the giraffe, putt-putt golf, bowling and basketball. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Football Bowl

The Bowling Center offers patrons to watch the big game on their big screen starting at 11 a.m. Sundays while they bowl. Bowling is \$1 per game and shoe rental is \$1. For more information, call 434-3426.

## Youth Center Fall Festival

The Youth Center hosts their annual fall festival from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 30 with a costume contest for ages 1 to 12, carnival games for all ages, jumping castle and food. Cost is \$1 for ages 1 to 5 and for registered youth center members and \$2 for nonmembers. Parents are free. Volunteers are always welcome to help with the event. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Pumpkin Carving Contest

Families and/or individuals and squadrons may register one entry in one of the two groups of competition in the base

library's annual pumpkin carving contest. Entries are due by 1 p.m. Oct. 30 and judging will be at 2 p.m. Pick up a free pumpkin Oct. 28 to 29 or supply your own. Prizes awarded to top three in each category. For more information, call 434-2934.

## New Orleans Saints Tickets

The Information, Ticket and Travel office has a limited number of tickets to the New Orleans home games. Tickets are \$45 each and are sold on first come, first served basis. Dates available are:

Oct 26 against San Diego

Nov. 24 against Green Bay

Dec. 28 against Carolina

They have an overnight trip planned for the Dec. 7 game against Atlanta which includes transportation, lodging and ticket to the game for \$165 per person. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Gatlinburg Ski Trip

The Information, Ticket and Travel office offers this trip Jan. 17 to 19 but reservations must be made by Dec. 17. Cost is \$235 per person and includes transportation, two meals, chalet lodging for two nights, lift tickets and rentals or \$195 per person without rentals or \$150 per person for non-skiers. Skiing is the 17th from 3 to 10 p.m. and the Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required when registering. Full payment is required no later than Jan. 10. The maximum number of people for this trip is 14 people. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Crafts Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers adult classes every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Upcoming classes include making a bear cub wind chime holder Oct. 21 and a wooden tree of thanks Oct. 28.

Their youth crafts classes are offered at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Classes are \$5 each and include all supplies. Upcoming classes include making a pumpkin bucket of fun Oct. 22 and a trick or treat bag Oct. 29. Wear your costume and get your class FREE Oct. 29. A display of all the projects is in the lobby of the arts and crafts center. For more information, call 434-7836.

## Halloween Teen Dance, Costume Contest

The Youth Center offers this program from 8 p.m. to midnight Oct. 31 for teens.

Cost is \$1 for Youth Center members and \$3 for nonmembers. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Have a Bowling Birthday Party

The Bowling Center offers the best birthday party packages around. The "good" package includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental, "bowling" place settings, balloons and a souvenir bowling pin for the guest of honor for just \$7.50 per person. The "Best" package includes everything in the "Good" package plus choice of hot dog, grilled cheese sandwich or chicken strips with fries and soft drink for \$10 per person. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required for all parties. No outside food or beverages allowed, except for birthday cakes. For more information, call 434-3426.

## Airline and Cruise Reservations

Check with the Information, Ticket and Travel office for booking your airline or cruise reservations. Great military rates are available. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club

Every Wednesday During Lunch

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or hushpuppies, tea or water  
 \$6.25 for club members  
 \$7.25 for nonmembers

**This week's menu:**

### Meat choices:

Fried Chicken, Shepherd's Pie or Fried Catfish Basket

### Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Turnip Greens, Sauteed Cabbage or a Side Salad

### Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95

Crisp Caesar Salad topped with Seasoned Croutons, Shredded Parmesan Cheese and your choice of Grilled Chicken Breast or Tuna Steak.

### Desserts:

\$2.95 each

Red Velvet Cake, Key Lime Pie  
 Chocolate Chips Cookies ala mode

## Lunch Bunch giveaway



U.S. Air Force Photo

Columbus Club Member Sherri McCrary, 14th Logistics Readiness Division, enters to win a 37-inch LCD television during the Blaze Lunch Bunch at the Club Wednesday. All Club Members are eligible to enter each time they eat lunch at the Club Wednesdays between now and Dec. 17.

# Football: Falcon freshmen spark 35-10 win

**Staff Sgt. Steve Grever**  
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SAN DIEGO — U.S. Air Force Academy freshmen quarterback Tim Jefferson and tailback Ashley Clark led the Falcons' high-powered running attack to a 35-10 victory over the San Diego State Aztecs Oct. 11 at Qualcomm Stadium here.

Clark, making his first start of the season, rambled for 109 yards on 15 carries and also scored one of the Falcons' five touchdowns.

Jefferson set the tone early for the Air Force's offense during its opening drive, as the team marched down the field and scored on a 1-yard quarterback keeper to give the Falcons a 7-0 lead.

Falcons' Head Coach Troy Calhoun said the two freshmen infused a lot of energy into the offense and showed glimpses of greater things to come.

"Those guys gave us some pop," he said. "They are going to be good players. They have a lot of work ahead of them, but they are guys with leadership potential."

The Falcons looked sluggish on both sides of ball in the first half and trailed the Aztecs 10-7 at the half. But, the Air Force

quickly regrouped in the third quarter with touchdowns by Clark and tailback Todd Newell, giving the Falcons a 21-10 lead by the end of the third quarter.

The Air Force continued to put a stranglehold on the Aztec offense in the fourth quarter as inside linebacker Justin Moore hauled in his first career interception for a touchdown, giving the Falcons a 28-10 advantage with 11:37 left in the game. After an injury to Jefferson, quarterback Shea Smith stepped in and threw a 32-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Josh Cousins.

The Falcons' defense pressured the Aztecs' quarterback most of the night and recorded four sacks and two interceptions. Senior defensive end Jake Paulson had 1.5 sacks, giving him 8.5 for the season.

The Falcons amassed 473 yards total offense, their second greatest offensive output since their 508-yard performance during the season opener against Southern Utah.

Coach Calhoun said they executed their game plan much better in the second half and didn't miss many opportunities to get the ball in the end zone.

"I think the first half we played on egg shells," he said. "It just seemed like we had a bunch of guys in the locker room waiting



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Grever

**U.S. Air Force Academy fullback Todd Newell drags a tackler as he rushes for additional yardage Oct. 11 in a game against San Diego State in San Diego. Newell, a San Diego native and team captain, carried the ball 19 times for 77 yards and a touchdown in the Falcons' 35-10 win over San Diego State.**

for someone else to spark us. If you go to the Air Force Academy, you don't wait. You need initiators, leaders and guys who are assertive."

The Falcons improved their season

record to 4-2 while the Aztecs dropped to 1-5. The Falcons continue their road trip as they next square off against the University of Nevada Las Vegas at 8 p.m. MST Oct. 18.

## 2008 BLAZE race



U.S. Air Force by Melissa Duncan

**Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, sprints across the finish line at the Columbus AFB Blaze Race Sept. 9. The next BLAZE race is scheduled to be held Feb. 21, 2009.**

## Sports Shorts

**Thursday Golf Scrambles:** Golf scrambles start every Thursday at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 plus greens fees. Open to all levels of golfers. For more information, call 434-7932.

**Fitness Classes:** The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

**Summer Lunch, Bowl Special:** Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

**Cosmic Bowling:** Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!



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